

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for managing a release of a product~~,
comprising:

managing a release of a product, comprising

describing the product in terms of a plurality of product features **of the product**;
entering a description of each of said product features, wherein said description
comprises an instantiation of a feature list graphical user interface;
defining a plurality of tasks, wherein each of said tasks is associated with one of
said product features, the plurality of tasks being grouped into task types;
linking each of the plurality of tasks with one of the plurality of product features;
entering a task progress development as an instantiation of a task-type graphical
user interface, wherein the task-type graphical user interface is selected
from a plurality of task-type graphical user interfaces, each corresponding
to one of the task types; and
tracking a status of each product feature via the instantiated task-type graphical
user interfaces.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
linking all of the graphical user interfaces to one another via the **product** features.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
storing the feature descriptions, task definitions and task progress developments in a
relational database; and
wherein linking comprises:
linking each task definition and related task progress developments to their
corresponding one of the ~~plurality of~~ product features through the use of
relational database keys.

18-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for managing a release of a product,~~
comprising:

a product release system configured to manage a release of a product, comprising

a product feature list user interface by which a user enters ~~desired~~ **product** features of the product to be released;

an engineer task list user interface by which the user enters and tracks information related to tasks being completed to implement the product features entered in the **product** feature list user interface, wherein the tasks correspond to one of the product features;

a quality assurance user interface by which the user manages and tracks both quality assurance test plans and tests that are executed against the test plans and designed to ensure the functionality of the ~~desired~~ product features; and

a technical documents list user interface by which the user enters and tracks information related to documents being developed to describe the ~~desired~~ product features,

wherein all parameters entered by the user into the engineer task list user interface, the quality assurance user interface and the technical documents list user interface are each defined in terms of a particular one of the product features entered into the feature list user interface.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein all parameters entered by the user into the engineer task list user interface, the quality assurance user interface and the technical documents list user interface are each linked to a particular one of the product features entered into the feature list user interface.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, further comprising:

a relational database operable to store data entered into the interfaces, and further operable to filter the data based on the product features.

26. (Currently Amended Presented) A method ~~for managing a release of a product, the method~~ comprising:

managing a release of a product, comprising

describing the product in terms of ~~desired~~ **product** features of the product;
defining, for each **product** feature, a plurality of tasks necessary to implement the
each product feature;
linking each task with its corresponding **product** feature; and
entering data associated with a selected one of the plurality of tasks into a
graphical user interface associated with the selected task.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
selecting a graphical user interface displaying data associated with a task based on the
product feature associated with the task.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
storing the features, tasks and data in a relational database; and
linking the tasks and their associated data with their associated **product** features by
assigning a key to each **product** feature, task and datum.